

## The People's Store...

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## FIFTH ANNUAL MIDWINTER Clearing Sale

Begins Saturday Jan 16 and continues every day to and including Saturday Jan 30. Stock must be reduced rapidly. Prices cut to the very lowest figure.

Black and Colored Dress Goods 14 off regular price.  
Hats and Veils 14 off regular price.  
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Underwear 14 off regular price.  
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I get them every week direct from the country (not from country stores where they may have lain two weeks) but direct from the producer who sends me the entire production of a large henry, hence if you buy of me you get no stale eggs. They cost a little more but—well you know the difference.

I am offering the best Bean Pot in the market today. Call and see it and don't forget to ask the price.

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**\$1**

The popularity of our Martin's Studio photos at \$1 a dozen surprises us. We are keeping them at this price, actually less than a little longer. We hope they will continue to draw attention to our cabinet and other regular styles. No better the most credit in the town.

**MARTIN'S STUDIO.**  
Eagle st. North Adams, next Pacific C. Bldg.

## By Telegraph 5.00 O'CLOCK.

### WEYLER TOTTERING.

His Official Position in Cuba is Desperate to the Last Degree.

### PLOTS AGAINST HIS POWER.

How He Received the News of Maceo's Death and What He Said.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)  
HAVANA, via Key West, Jan. 18.—There is considerable complaint among newspaper correspondents and others concerning alleged tampering with mails on the part of the Spanish authorities. It is believed the attention of the United States will be called to the matter.

Undoubtedly a very strong influence continues steadily working, looking to the recall of Weyler. The attacks of the Madrid newspapers placed him in a bad position towards the government. Also the sister of General Maria, the Captain General of Porto Rico is actively intriguing on her brother's behalf at Madrid. She is a lady of wealth, intelligence and great influence in political circles. Maria's wife too is doing all in her power at Madrid to have him replace Weyler.

It is not believed here that Weyler can last much longer, unless he at once inflicts a severe defeat upon the insurgents under Gomez, who it is understood is steadily advancing upon Havana from the west.

Therefore it is expected that Weyler will gather all the forces possible and push into Santa Clara to occupy positions calculated to compel Gomez to fight a pitched battle. But Gomez frustrated a similar move on the part of Campos on the same ground.

In this connection of reports of the recall of Weyler it is interesting to note the manner in which he received the news of the death of Maceo. This circumstance has just leaked out. He was at the palace. He disbelieved the report and refused to pay any attention to it until he should receive official news. This eventually came while he was seated at breakfast, whereupon he rose, raised both hands and exclaimed: "My God, my star of fortune has not yet been eclipsed."

This happened at a time when Weyler was disposed to resign and thus shows that the death of Maceo actually saved Weyler throwing up his position. While insurgents deny danger to their cause of "dying of consumption," as Gomez is reported to have written the New York journal in a letter asking more ammunition, they admit that active demonstrations within the near future are absolutely necessary if they wish to retain the sympathy which has been aroused in the United States.

### A NOTABLE BIRTH.

Countess Castellane, Formerly Anna Gould, Has a Little Son.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)  
PARIS, Jan. 18.—Countess Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, gave birth to a son on Tuesday. Mother and child are doing well.

### IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Sherman Congratulated. A Big Custom House for New York.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—In the senate today Mr. Sherman received the heartiest congratulations on his appointment to be the next secretary of state.

Senator Cullom read a telegram from the Banker's club of Chicago urging the ratification of the Anglo-American treaty. He also reported back the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and announced he would call it up tomorrow.

Senator Quay reported favorably from the commerce committee a bill for the erection of a new custom house in New York city. The limit of cost is fixed at \$5,000,000.

A seat passed today the army appropriation bill.

A bill providing for an international monetary conference was presented by Mr. Chandler in behalf of Mr. Wolcott. After it was read, Chandler explained the bill as similar to those before the last

## By Telegraph 4.00 O'CLOCK.

### BOMBAY'S CALAMITY.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)  
BOMBAY, Jan. 18.—The city is rapidly being depopulated by the plague. There have been already 2502 deaths. Eleven hundred more cases are reported. The city's very existence as a city is threatened.

### FINANCIAL.

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| American sugar          |  | 14 1/2  |
| Amalgamated             |  | 77 1/4  |
| Canadian Pacific        |  | 46 1/8  |
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| Chicago & North Western |  | 104 1/2 |
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# SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

## AT ADAMS TODAY.

Officers Prompt Work.

Sheriff O'Brien and Chief Curran made important arrests Sunday. Thursday A. D. Allen of Windsor was in town and stated to Sheriff O'Brien that thieves had entered his barn and stolen some \$75 worth of harnesses, blankets and other things.

Sheriff O'Brien and Chief Curran went to the Toluca farm at Pumpkin Hook Sunday morning and arrested Charles and Edward Tetrault, aged 18 and 19 respectively. A search of the house resulted in money, the goods being recovered. The boys were brought to the police station. Edward has been employed by Mr. Allen for three years past, but was never suspected of theft, although articles were constantly disappearing. The boys had over \$50 between them when arrested.

The boys were found guilty in court this morning and were placed under \$500 bonds for their appearance before the grand jury in July.

**Marshall-Brousseau.**

Gabriel Marshall and Exelime Brousseau were united in marriage at the Notre Dame church this morning. Miss Cordelia Borden was bridesmaid and William Menier was best man. The bride and maid were dressed in gray novelty goods and the bride wore the veil of the children of Mary. Rev. Father Triguera performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Menier on Park street.

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To the Good of Its People, and Glad to Be So.

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## WEATHER FORECAST.

(Special dispatch to the Transcript.)  
**SNOW**  
 Washington Forecast for Massachusetts:  
**JAN. 18.**  
 Rains or snow this afternoon clearing and fair Tuesday. Cold wave. Eastern New York fair, cold wave.

## POST OFFICE SERVICE

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 Boston, East, and Northern New England.  
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 Closed 6:00-9:30 a. m., 2:45-3:30 p. m., 11:00-11:30 p. m.  
 New York City, South and West.  
 Arrive 1:30-3:00, 6:30, 1:41 a. m., 12:04-4:10, 7:00-8:45 p. m. Closed 7:15-8:15-11:00 a. m., 2:40-4:40-7:40-11:00 p. m.  
 (Canada).  
 Arrive 8:35 a. m., 12:10-1:00-3:00 p. m. Closed 10:10-11:00 p. m.  
**Pittsfield.**  
 Arrive 8:30 a. m., 12:10-2:35-5:30-8:45 p. m. Closed 6:00-11:00 a. m., 2:40-5:45 p. m.  
 Readsboro and Southern Vermont.  
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## LOCAL NEWS.

### IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

The Grand Jury Inspects the County Jail. Resolutions Adopted.

After a thorough inspection of the jail Thursday the following motion was made and accepted by the members of the grand jury: "That the county jail was found by inspection of the grand jury to be in excellent condition and the foreman was instructed to report the same with the observation they made and the improvements which were noticeable. Additions to the library have been made. Also an electric fan for ventilation has been put in the corridor which adds greatly to the health and comfort of the inmates. The old system of water closets has been done away with and buckets substituted which is a great improvement on the old system. We found that cleanliness prevailed in all departments. The women's department is under the care and management of Mrs. Fuller the wife of the sheriff, and the fine conditions are very noticeable. The food seemed to be of a good quality and we believe that the county should be congratulated on the excellent management of the county jail of Sheriff Fuller and his predecessor Sheriff Crosby."

Religious services and Bible study are held on the Sabbath. One very marked improvement is the management of shower baths which must be far in advance of the bath tub system. The grand jury were of the opinion that the present officers in charge of the jail are faithful to the trust confided to them by the people.

HENRY A. TOWNE, Foreman.  
 ELMER E. DUTTON, Clerk.

### To Install Officers.

District Deputy Fielder of Adams will install the officers of Mountain lodge, No. 88, A. O. U. W., Wednesday evening. Grand Master Workman Gallagher of New Haven and Past Grand Master Workman Leaders of Hartford will visit Mountain lodge on that evening. All members of North Adams lodge are cordially invited to be present.

### Addressed a Large Audience.

The special service held at the Baptist church Sunday evening by the Salvation Army was largely attended. The church was filled to the door and many persons were obliged to remain standing during the entire meeting. Brigadier Cozins of Boston made a very interesting address. He also spoke at the morning and afternoon meetings in the army barracks.

### Morris--Green.

Lawrence Morris and Miss Anna Green were married at St. Francis' parsonage this morning at 7:15 o'clock by Rev. George Flynn. They took a morning train for a wedding trip to New York. The groom is a son of Owen Morris of Houghton street and the bride is well known among the young people of the town. Both have many friends who extend congratulations.

### District Court.

The following cases were in court this morning:  
 James Bradley, Charles Noel, Thomas Dalley, Walter Armstrong, Lucy Fowler, paid fines for drunkenness; Matthew Woodhead, drunkenness, case continued; Frank Fowler, threatening, fined \$5; James Bishop, drunkenness, case fled away.

### Lecture Postponed.

The lecture on "Faction," which was to have been delivered by Dr. Kewin before the board of trade Friday evening, has been postponed for one week on account of the Burns anniversary celebrations and the Y. M. C. A. concert, which occurs on Friday evening.

### Was Largely Attended.

The third musical service given by the St. John's church choir took place Sunday evening. The church was well filled and the carefully selected program was very well rendered.

### AMUSEMENTS.

**Cleveland's Minstrels.**  
 This well known and ever popular organization will appear at the Columbia opera house this evening. In whatever way this colossal attraction has played it has been received by press and public in a manner that beggars description. It has been pronounced by all to be unequalled for strength and completeness. This is the only great organization of its kind to be seen here this season. The company includes such well known singers and comedians as Arthur Rugby, Lew Spencer, J. Marcus Doyle, Fred Salcombe, W. H. MacPherson and others. Among the novelties introduced are the Oriental marvels, eight wonderful Japanese, Burton's dog circus, the greater New York four, a quartet of tumbler troubadours and many other equally attractive features. This company has recently enjoyed a run of over 100 performances in New York.

**Royal Entertainment Company.**  
 The fourth of the series of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course will be given in Columbia opera house Friday evening by the Royal Entertainment company of New York city. Miss Pauline Ingre Johnson, "The Swedish Nightingale," Miss Grace A. Green, known as New York's star reciter; Albert E. Smith, polyphonist and shadowgraphist, and J. Stuart Blackton, cartoonist and humorist, constitute the company. "The New York Press" says: "Mr. Smith is quite a young man, but he has mastered some of the best tricks of the entertainer's art, and is certainly capable of mystifying his audience in a remarkable manner. His cartoon performance is especially good." Concerning Mr. Blackton the Kingston Daily Leader says: "Far eclipsing in success and brilliancy all previous entertainments was Blackton's N. Y. World artist and his version of 'Things one ought to know.' He evoked continuous merriment and was heartily appreciated."

## CABINET FORMATION

McClure of Minnesota the Latest Treasury Possibility.

### FAVORABLY MENTIONED AT CANTON

The President-elect Anxious To Fill This Position Outside of New York and Thus Avoid Suspicion of Complicity with Wall Street.

Canton, O., Jan. 18.—Yesterday was a quiet Sunday at the McKinley home. Cabinet-making ceased, the major's study was deserted, the litter of paper and disappeared, and the president-elect rested and went to church. Webb Hughes, a son of the late president, dined with Mr. and Mrs. McKinley and took a drive with them in the afternoon, returning home on an early evening train. Now that Senator Sherman has accepted the portfolio of state, the rest of the cabinet seems to be a matter of time. The latest treasury possibility is congressman J. M. McClure of Minnesota. He attracted the attention of the president-elect by his forcible speech in congress on the silver question and was here once during and once since the campaign. Maj. McKinley is very favorably impressed with Mr. McClure. Representative McClure is a Canadian by birth and was an educator before he entered politics. The president-elect would be glad to find a suitable man for secretary of the treasury outside of New York in order that no suspicion of complicity with Wall Street may attach to him; still, if the best man for the place is clearly shown to be in New York, the appointment will be made from that state.

### Gen. Alger's Friends Hopeful.

The friends of General Alger who were here from time to time are feeling very hopeful at present. The republican party of Michigan has practically been consolidated in favor of General Alger, according to Senator Barrows, and in this respect he is a stronger cabinet possibility than either Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin or ex-Governor Merriam of Minnesota. Both Messrs. Payne and Merriam are opposed by influential factions in their respective states. It is apparent to all careful observers that Mr. Payne, Mr. Merriam and General Alger cannot all be appointed to the cabinet for the reason that they come from the same section, so if Mr. Payne and Governor Merriam should be dropped from the list of possibilities, the chances of General Alger would be measurably improved. It is likely that the present week will see the president-elect reach a definite conclusion respecting the appointment of a cabinet officer from the Pacific slope. Judge Jos. McKenna is thought by those much given to cabinet speculation to be in the lead. He served in congress with Major McKinley and was on the committee on ways and means with him. There hangs in Major McKinley's library a photograph of the ways and means committee of which Major McKinley was chairman and the man next to the president-elect in the picture is Joseph McKenna. On the walls of the same room is a large and handsome picture of Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia, who is one of the strong cabinet possibilities. An effort of great persistence and vigor is being made to secure the appointment of this state to the position of secretary of agriculture. The other name most frequently heard in connection with this place is that of congressman James Wilson of Iowa. Mr. Wilson was strongly endorsed by Senator Allison and is a practical, successful farmer and man of affairs. The president-elect is in no haste about making this appointment and it may be one of the last agreed upon.

### Cyclist Bald's Challenge.

Buffalo, Jan. 18.—Eddie Bald made a proposition yesterday night to Ed Plummer, the manager of the English contingent of cyclists, to race either Tom Linton or Jimmy Walburton, a distance of one mile, for a stake of \$500 to \$500. Plummer was taken back by Bald's bold def and made no attempt to make a match. Linton offered to accept the challenge if Bald would allow him to have his own pacesmakers and the race to take place in England. Bald agreed to race in England but insisted that the same pacesmakers should not for both men. Linton would not consent to this and it is not likely that America's champion will get a chance at the crack foreigners in a match race.

### Death of Hotel Proprietor Willard.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Joseph C. Willard, owner of the well known Willard's hotel, died at his residence in this city yesterday, aged about 80 years. Mr. Willard was a native of Vermont and with his two brothers came here from Albany many years ago and became sole owner of the hotel property. Although he was very wealthy and owned much valuable real estate in Washington, he has lived as a recluse for many years and was little known, except by name, to the present generation.

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## THE STUBBORN TURK

Progress of the Powers' Efforts for Reforms in Turkey.

### TALK OF ARMED ENFORCEMENT

The German Emperor Opposed to the Coercion Plan—Russia Insists That the Sultan Must Move More Time To Act.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Under instructions from the foreign office Baron von Joltich, German ambassador to the Porte, has given persistent support to N. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, throughout the series of ambassadorial conferences held in Constantinople which are now about to terminate, but in the discussion of the financial and administrative reforms proposed by M. Nelidoff, however, Baron Sauma has taken no prominent part. M. Cambon and Sir Philip Currie, respectively French and British ambassadors, are understood to have obtained some important amendments to the Russian proposals, which have now received the assent of the European governments. The English and Italian ambassadors advocated a distinct plan of armed enforcement of the decisions of the powers, and argued that the presentation of the reform projects to the sultan should be accompanied by an explicit declaration that the powers were prepared to enforce them by sea and land. The report is entirely credited in official and diplomatic quarters here that Sir Philip Currie placed before the ambassadors a fully matured project of naval and military operations designed to cover the occupation of Constantinople, the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, and also to overthrow the Moslem population in the all too probable event of a rising and attempted massacre. To any consideration of coercion, Baron Sauma took a decided stand in opposition. The kaiser obviously continues to hold that the sultan must be trusted to carry out the reforms and that his sovereign rights should not be interfered with.

### Russia Opposed to Force.

M. Nelidoff professed no unwillingness to agree to the principle of coercion, but opposed the English proposals on the ground that they were premature, and that the sultan must have time in which to act. On this point of time communications are proceeding between the powers. The English government, which appears to think that the kaiser's opposition to coercion will disappear if France and Russia agree to act with England, is negotiating directly with St. Petersburg and Paris. It is known here that under no circumstances will Russia assent to any form of armed interference until the spring is well advanced, the Black sea ports unobstructed, by ice, and the roads, railways and rivers in southern Russia in good condition. It is a winter of almost unprecedented mildness in southern Russia, being as warm as in early spring at Odessa, and navigation with Nicolaeff and Kheron is still open. But it is no part of the present Russian policy to permit a concerted armed intervention in Turkey. The sultan will get time and take it.

### German Court Festivities.

The court marshal's programme of festivities during the carnival period opened with the coronation and orders fetes yesterday. This afternoon will occur the festival of the Black Eagle, under which will bring together notable assemblages of royalists, high military and other dignitaries, as Germany can produce. On Wednesday there will be the grand court held by their imperial majesties in the royal castle, and on the kaiser's birthday, Jan. 27, there will be a reception at the royal castle, followed by a banquet and gala opera performance at the Royal theatre. On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the kaiser and kaiserina will give a grand ball in the castle. On Feb. 10 their majesties' private ball will take place. The popular subscription ball is fixed for Feb. 27 in the Royal opera house. On the following Wednesday another private ball will be given at the castle, and on March 2 a grand masked ball will be given, with which the kaiser and kaiserina propose to conclude their Berlin season. There is also to be an unusual stream of aristocratic private functions. Many well known princely families who were absentees last season owing to discord with the kaiser or his entourage, have reappeared, and Berlin court tradesmen are rejoicing thereat.

### Cigarettes Affected His Mind.

Buffalo, Jan. 18.—Benjamin L. Davies, who killed his wife and then committed suicide at Rugby, Tenn., Saturday, was well known in this city. He was 32 years old. Several years ago he was steward at the Niagara hotel. Mrs. Davies was a daughter of Mrs. Lydia Brown of this city. Private advices from Rugby says that Davies was suffering from excessive cigarette smoking, which, it was thought, had affected his mind.

### St. Johns Blocked With Ice.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 18.—The whole east coast of Newfoundland is blocked with ice. An Arctic iceber is now visible off this harbor, and the port is almost entirely blocked. All shipping and traffic is suspended.

### Central American Republic.

Madrid, Jan. 18.—The cabinet has decided to recognize the newly formed Central American republic.

## PRISONS IN ENGLAND

Life in Them Described by Hon. John F. Redmond.

### A SYSTEM OF SOLITUDE AND SILENCE

Our Prisons Far Ahead of the British Institutions, He Declares—Reception to the Irish Parliamentary Member by the Clergy Club of Lynn.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 18.—Hon. John F. Redmond, M. P., attended mass in St. Mary's church yesterday. At the close of the service he took a train for Boston to pay his respects to Archbishop Williams. He returned to Lynn at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and was taken to the Clergy club headquarters, where he was tendered a reception by a group of the leading clergymen. The reception was informal. Maurice V. Brennan extended the freedom of the club to the distinguished guest, who was introduced to all present. Mr. Redmond, at the request of the chairman of the reception committee of the club, made a brief address in which he said that what interested him most in this country was the prison system, which was far ahead of that of England. The latter was, in his opinion, the most brutal in the world, and might be described as a system of solitude and silence. When a prisoner in England received a visit from a friend or from his wife or any member of his family, he was locked in an iron cage at one end of a large hall and the visitors were locked in the other end of the hall with two wardens in the center to hear every word that was said. A prisoner in England was allowed only one visit in four months and was allowed to write only one letter in four months. For the slightest offenses against the rules even these privileges were denied. A prisoner was not allowed books or literature of any kind until he had been a long time in prison and then only about one volume in three weeks. Some prisoners in England were locked in their cells twenty-two hours per day, and when they were marched around the prison yards for exercise if one prisoner should speak to another he was given forty-eight hours' solitary confinement in a dark cell with only bread and water for diet. The entire system was so brutal and revolting that it drove many men insane from the tortures inflicted on them. No attempt was made in English prisons to give men employment suitable to that to which they had been accustomed in the outside world, and the business men and the men of literary tastes who might get into jail were given the same kind of work as the men who had always been used to working with their hands. This work was about as hard as it well could be, and while a man who had been used to hard work might be able to stand it, it was brutal treatment for professional men and people of the better classes.

### Treatment of Irish Political Prisoners.

The treatment of the Irish political prisoners in the British prisons was something too horrible to contemplate. Originally there were eighteen of these prisoners, but three of them died of the hardships they underwent and five were driven insane, two of the latter being Dr. Gallagher and George A. Whitehead, who are in this country in the care of their friends. No hopes were entertained of the latter ever being any better in mind than they were at present. He knew two men in Portland prison in England hopelessly insane, but instead of the government liberating them or giving their friends an opportunity to care for them during the rest of their days, one of them was sent to an asylum for criminals. Mr. Redmond said that he once visited John Daly in Portland prison and through the cage broke to him the news of the death of a very dear friend, one whom Daly loved dearly. Daly broke down at the news and when he recovered Mr. Redmond showed him a small photograph of the friend and a lock of hair. Daly asked to have them given him. Mr. Redmond saw the governor of the prison and asked permission to give the little mementoes to Daly, but that official asked Mr. Redmond if he wanted to break up the discipline of the prison. Mr. Redmond said that when he returned to England he would bring the matter of the prison system of Great Britain before parliament and make an effort to have it improved and made more humane. He told of visits to prisons in America where the prisoners were allowed many privileges and said that he learned from the governors of American prisons that lenient treatment did not interfere with the discipline of the prison. He said that the food given to American prisoners was luxurious compared to that served to the men in England who in England, Mr. Redmond was given much applause at the close of his remarks. Mayor Ramsdell made an address in which he expressed his hearty approval of the work in which Mr. Redmond is engaged.

### Bishop Keane in Favor of Rome.

Rome, Jan. 18.—Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, has been appointed consultant to the congregations of the propaganda and studies. It is observed in Vatican circles that Bishop Keane enjoys the special favor of the pope.

### Keane's Seniority.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 18.—Ex-congressman W. A. Harris is conceded to be in the lead for United States senator. A new and strong candidate was announced last night, however, in ex-governor John P. St. John. Though a prohibitionist of national standing he is in accord with the populists and may slip in as a compromise.

### Youngs and Dixon To Box.

Buffalo, Jan. 18.—Before the Empire Athletic club to-night Joe Youngs of this city and Tommy Dixon of Rochester will meet in a twenty round boxing contest. Big Jim Kennedy, the well known match maker, says Youngs is a "corner" and if he beats Dixon he will be given a chance before metropolitan spectators.

## WEEK IN CONGRESS

Programme Contains But Little of General Importance.

### APPROPRIATION BILLS IN THE SENATE

Pacific Railroad and Nicaraguan Canal To Be Discussed To-day—Cuban Resolution Shelved—No Business Arranged in the Lower Branch.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Appropriation bills will demand the attention of the senate this week. The army bill has been reported and the military academy and legislative bill will be reported from the committee to-day. Senator Morgan will address the senate to-day on his bill for the appointment of a board of government trustees to operate Pacific roads until the government's claim is liquidated. The Nicaraguan canal bill, in accordance with the decision of the republican steering committee, will be made the unfinished business to-day. The proposition to guarantee the canal bonds will be antagonized by Messrs. Turpie, Vest, Teller and others. There is no indication of any intention to call up the Cameron Cuban resolution. The utterances of Mr. Sherman on this subject since the formal announcement of his acceptance of the state department portfolio are looked upon by his associates as a request from the incoming administration that nothing should be done pending its accession to power. Several influential senators who were previously charged with being "jingo" have, since their visit to Canton, become very conservative, and no one on the republican side of the chamber is now urging action of any kind with respect to the war in Cuba. The extradition treaties between the United States and Orange Free State and the Argentine republic will probably be disposed of this week and the remainder of the time will be devoted to clearing up unobjectionable matters on the calendar. In the house of representatives no programme of business has been arranged except a Virginia contested election case. It is the expectation of the members of the committee on rules that in the course of the week the agricultural and Indian appropriation bills will be considered.

### READY TO FIGHT WEYLER.

Gen. Gomez's Army Fully Equipped for a Vigorous Campaign.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 18.—Seven Cubans, including Senor Savannell, have arrived here, bringing dispatches from Cuba. In accordance with the quarantine regulations, they were detained for observation. Rumors continue to reach here that Maximo, the rebel leader, is still alive. It is said that he was desperately wounded in the engagement in which he was reported to have been killed, but that he is now improving. Little credence is placed in these rumors. Advice which have reached here are to the effect that Maximo Gomez, the insurgent commander-in-chief, now has his forces completely equipped and is prepared to open a vigorous campaign against Capt. Gen. Weyler.

### Santa Clara Not Captured.

Madrid, Jan. 18.—An emphatic official denial is given to the report that General Gomez has captured the city of Santa Clara in the province of that name.

### The Reading Accident Victims.

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 18.—The following are the men at the Mulenberg hospital in this city who were in the smash-up on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Skillman, twenty-five miles from this city Saturday night, and the extent of their injuries: Charles B. Clapp, 40 years old, Jersey City, engineer of Blue line train, badly scalded by steam of exploded boiler; mortally injured. Mahlon Dickinson, 43 years old, Philadelphia, baggage master Philadelphia & Reading local; mortally injured. George Behl, 23 years old, Bound Brook, fireman, on Philadelphia & Reading local, concussion, expected to recover. The names of the two men who were killed while driving across the track at Hopewell just before the collision, were George Coleman and Alfred W. Snook.

### Steamer Assyrion Dented.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The Allan line steamship Assyrion, which went ashore below here in the Delaware river, lighted part of her cargo and got off without damage. As soon as her cargo has been reloaded the Assyrion will proceed on her voyage for Glasgow.

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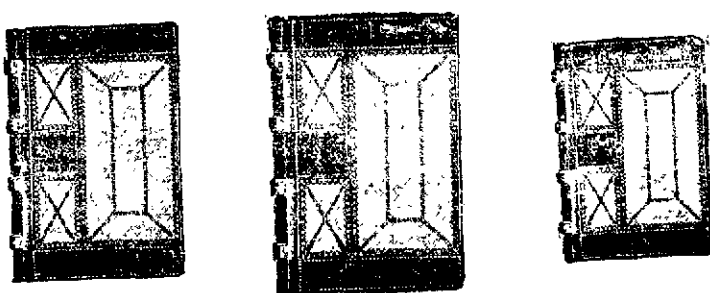
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